



OUR WYOMING KIDS 2015 MINI GRANT PROJECT

Centennial Writes: A Collection of Our Stories

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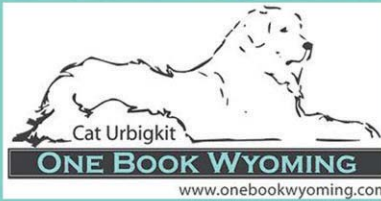
September 3, 2015 was an exciting day for the small rural community of Centennial, Wyoming. The Wyoming School University Partnership co-sponsored “Centennial Writes: A Collection of Our Stories” along with the Centennial Library. The mini-grant helped the Centennial Library participate in the One Book Wyoming Project. Author, Cat Urbigkit from Pinedale, WY worked with 45 school children in grades K-6 from Centennial and Harmony Elementary Schools from 12:30-2:30 PM.

In a true spirit of a community celebration, the Wyoming Writing Project assisted in an afternoon of writing activities for students and adults at the historic Buckeye School at the Nici Self Museum. Writings were collected to publish in a book for each participant. Thirty people including adults from the community and students joined together to enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to write together.

The Albany County Cattlewomen provided a buffet supper at the library at 5:30 PM for 35 adults and students followed by “An Evening with Cat Urbigkit.” Her photo exhibit of “Portraits of Pastoralism” complemented her informative author talk focused on her book, *Shepherds of Coyote Rocks*.

Centennial, WY is an under-served rural community that benefited from a family literacy event. The library is grateful to the Wyoming State Library for including us in the One Book Wyoming Project. The mini grant from the Wyoming School University Partnership enabled us to supplement the author visit with community writing, providing positive adult role models for children. Students and community members enjoyed having a published author tell us about her writing process. Family literacy was highlighted for a day in Centennial!

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Collage of photographs taken during “Centennial Writes: A Collection of Our Stories.”